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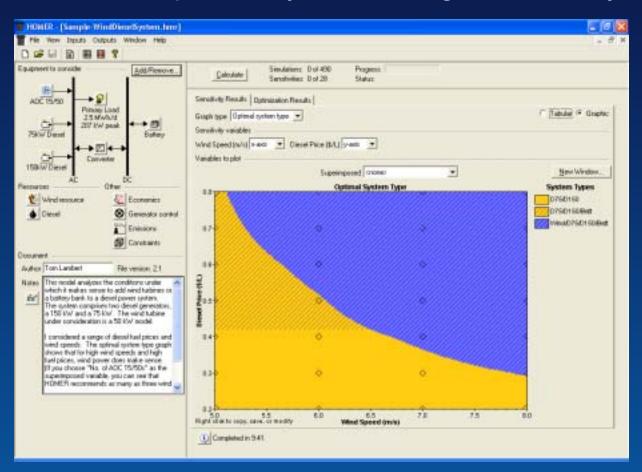
# Wind-Diesel System Design with HOMER



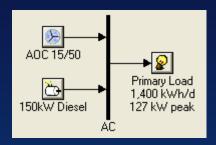
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#### What is HOMER?

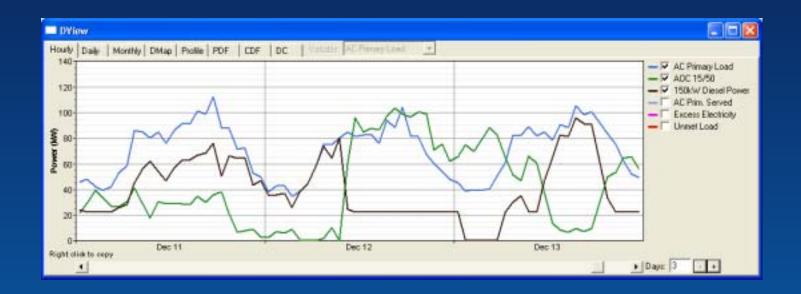
A tool for micropower system design and analysis



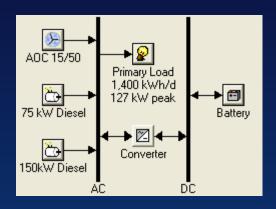
### **System Simulation**



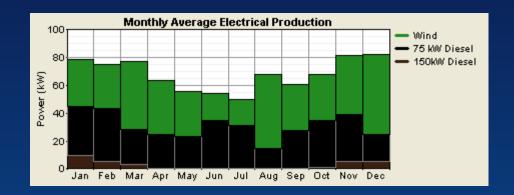
- Simulates many types of systems using a one-hour time step
- Considers operating reserve



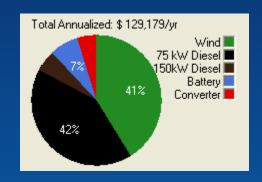
### **Technology Combinations**



Analyzes system performance and cost



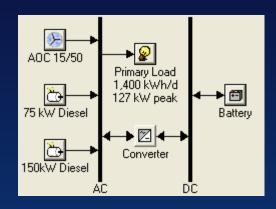
Component	Initial	Annualized	Annualized	Annual	Annual	Total
	Capital	Capital	Replacement	0&M	Fuel	Annualized
	(\$)	(\$/yr)	(\$/yr)	(\$/yr)	(\$/yr)	(\$/yr)
AOC 15/50	530,000	41,460	0	12,000	0	53,460
75 kW Diesel	30,000	2,347	1,984	368	49,183	53,882
150kW Diesel	40,000	3,129	-509	306	3,955	6,881
Battery	72,000	5,632	2,390	1,440	0	9,462
Converter	60,000	4,694	0	800	0	5,494
Totals	732,000	57,262	3,865	14,914	53,137	129,179



#### **HOMER Calculates Life-Cycle Cost**

- The total cost of a system over its useful life
  - Initial capital costs
  - Operating and maintenance costs
  - Fuel costs
  - Component replacement costs
  - Grid purchases and sales
  - Salvage value
- Expressed as a lump sum in "today's dollars"

#### **Optimization**

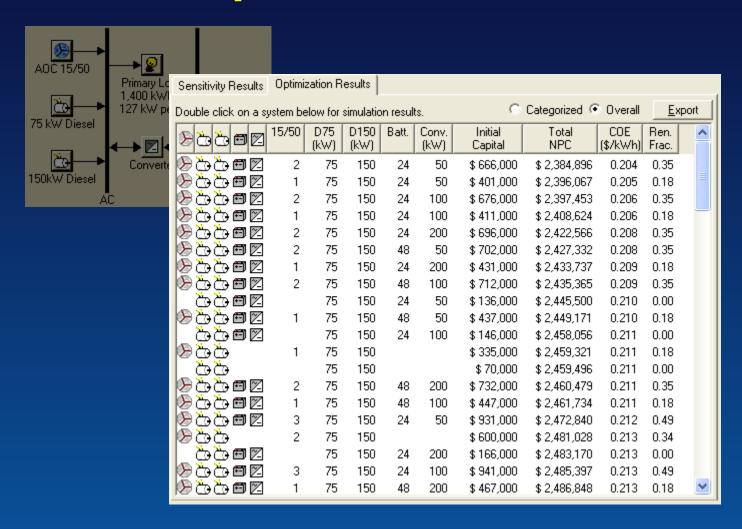


- How many diesels?
- What size diesels?
- How many wind turbines?
- How many batteries?
- What size converter?
- What operating strategy?

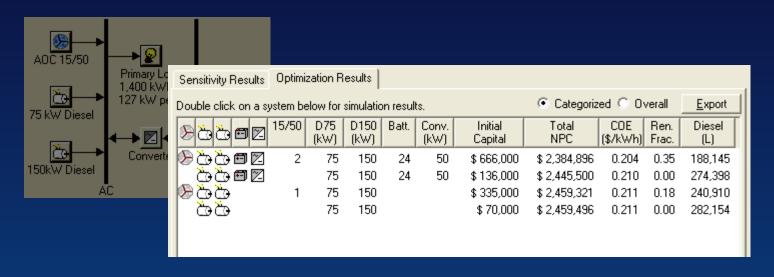
HOMER compares options based on life-cycle cost



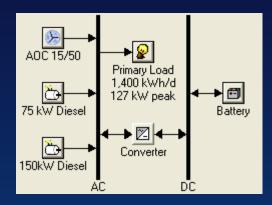
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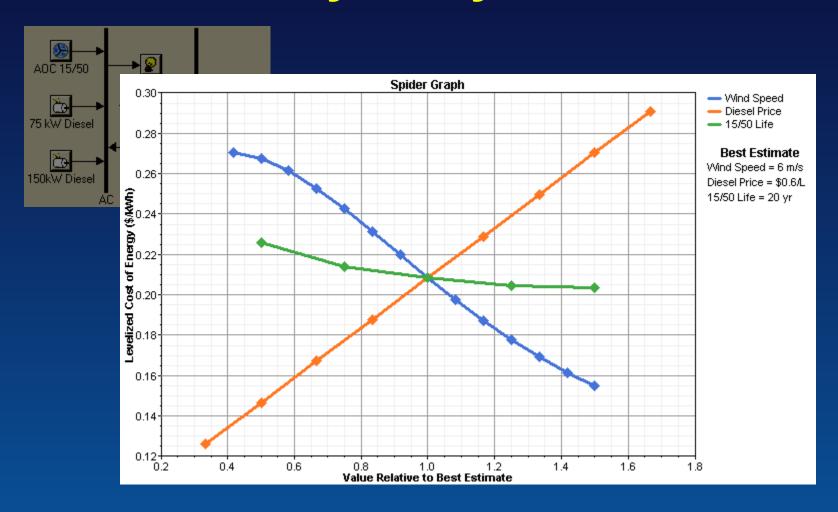


#### **Sensitivity Analysis**

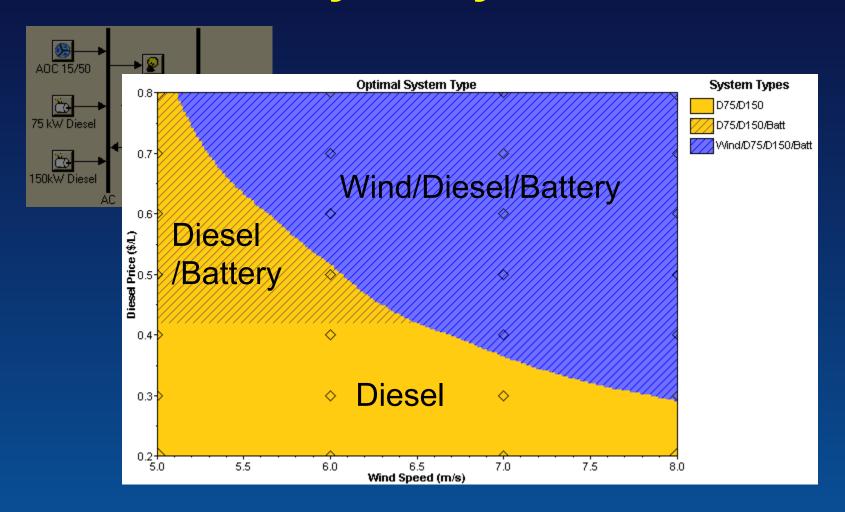


- Key variables may be uncertain
  - Wind speed
  - Fuel price
  - Wind turbine life
- What if our guesses are wrong?

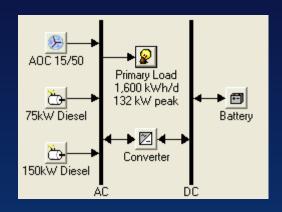
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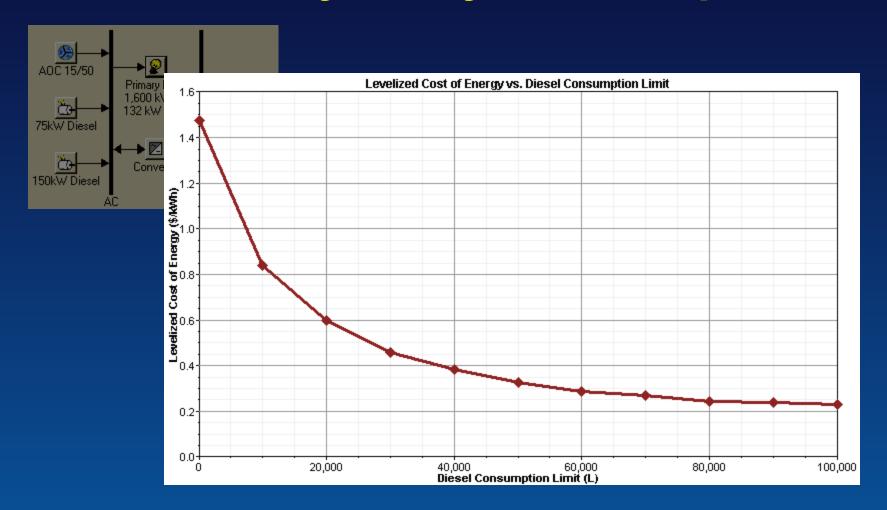


## **Sensitivity Analysis Example**

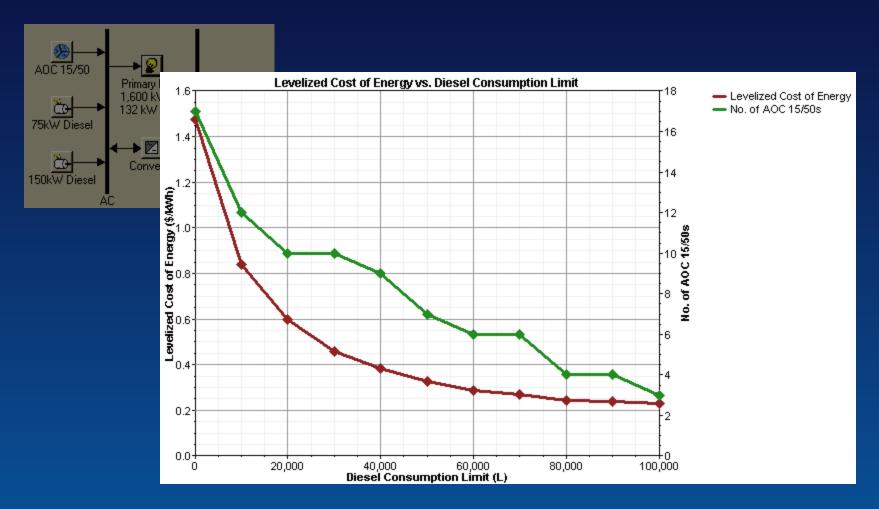


Could I reduce fuel consumption?

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#### **New Features in Version 2.1**

- Generator scheduling
- Fuel curve calculator
- Better wind resource modeling
- Better emissions modeling
- Linked to NASA solar data
- Output recycling
- Pretty HTML reports
- XML import/export

## How do I get HOMER?

- It's free!
- www.nrel.gov/homer
- Simple registration form
- HOMER 2.1 beta version: www.nrel.gov/homer/homer210beta.zip